

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (original): A network server connected to at least one client through a network, comprising:

a main server for accepting an initial connection request from said client; and

a plurality of sub-servers connected to said client after acceptance by said main server,

wherein said main server provides to said client information relating the sub-servers on acceptance of an initial connection request from said client;

said client is connected with one sub-server based on said information relating to the sub-servers;

said one sub-server provides to said client said information relating to the sub-servers on acceptance of a sub-server connection alteration request from said client; and

said client connects to another sub-server based on said information relating to the sub-servers.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The network server of claim 13, ~~9~~, further comprising:

a memory that stores the conditions of said plurality of sub-servers;[[.]]

wherein said main server and said plurality of sub-servers acquire information relating to the sub-servers by accessing said memory.

Claim 15 (original): The network server of claim 13, ~~10~~, wherein each of sub-servers writes its own information to said memory.

Claim 16 (original): A network system comprising:

at least one client; and

a network server including a main server that accepts an initial connection request from said client and a plurality of sub-servers connected to said client after acceptance by said main server,

wherein said main server provides to said client information relating the sub-servers on acceptance of an initial connection request from said client;

said client is connected with one sub-server based on said information relating to the sub-servers;

said one sub-server provides to said client said information relating to the sub-servers on acceptance of a sub-server connection alteration request from said client; and

said client connects to another sub-server based on said information relating to the sub-serves.

Claims 17-24 (canceled)